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PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial no.	:	10/823,924
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For	:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STEERING SAW BLADES
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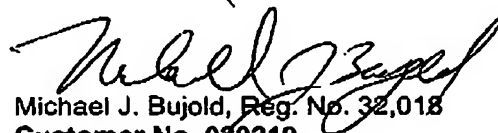
This response is being filed in reply to the office action mailed February 11, 2005. In that action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claim 3, drawn to a method for steering saw blades, classified in class 83, subclass 13 or
- II. Claims 4-7, drawn to an apparatus for steering saw blades including a first drive, a second drive, and a pair of spaced apart guide rails, classified in class 83, subclass 827.

The Applicant elects the invention disclosed in Group II (claims 4-7) and it is requested that, without further action thereon, claim 3 be retained in this application pending disposition of this case and for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

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Respectfully submitted,



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